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TAGS: PINT CSCE ELAB SHUM UR US
SUBJECT: SAKHAROV ACCEPTS AFL-CIO INVITATION

REF: MOSCOW 16686 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. SAKHAROV, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, VISITED EMBASSY
AT HIS REQUEST NOVEMBER 28 TO INFORM US THAT ON NOVEMBER
27 HE RECEIVED REGISTERED LETTER FROM GEORGE MEANY
INVITING SAKHAROV TO AFL-CIO MEETING IN LOS ANGELES.
SAKHAROV SAID HE HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT INVITATION AND
TO APPLY FOR SOVIET PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA FOR
TEMPORARY VISIT TO US.

2. SAKHAROV GAVE US COPY OF WRITTEN STATEMENT HE
INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO OVIR(THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OFFICE WHICH ISSUES PASSPORTS AND VISAS FOR
TRAVEL ABROAD). INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT
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BEGIN TEXT: TO OVIR, MOSCOW, FROM ANDREY DMITRIYEVICH
SAKHAROV, ACADEMICIAN, THREE-TIME HERO OF SOCIALIST
LABOR, NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE,
DECLARATION

IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVITATION I HAVE RECEIVED
FROM THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF

INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, I REQUEST THAT YOU PREPARE FOR ME ON AN URGENT BASIS A PASSPORT FOR A TRIP TO THE USA BEGINNING DECEMBER 3, 1977, TOGETHER WITH MY WIFE YELENA GEORGIYEVNA BONNER, WHO ALREADY POSSESSES A PASSPORT FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL AND THEREFORE NEEDS ONLY A VISA.

ATTACHED TO THIS DECLARATION IS A RECEIPT SHOWING THAT I HAVE PAID THE 30 RUBLE FEE, PHOTOGRAPHS AND A COPY OF THE INVITATION.

I AM PASSING A COPY OF THIS DECLARATION TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, SO THAT IT CAN INFORM THE AFL-CIO THAT I HAVE ACCEPTED ITS INVITATION.

NOVEMBER 28, 1977, SIGNED A. SAKHAROV. END TEXT

3. SAKHAROV ALSO GAVE US A COPY (IN RUSSIAN) OF A FOUR-PAGE ADDRESS HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER TO THE AFL-CIO MEETING. COPY OF ADDRESS WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/SOV NOVEMBER 29.

4. SAKHAROV SAID THIS WOULD BE SECOND TIME HE HAS APPLIED FOR A SOVIET EXIT VISA, THE FIRST OCCASION BEING IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOBEL PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY TWO YEARS AGO. HE INDICATED HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT RESPONSE
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HE WOULD RECEIVE FROM AUTHORITIES THIS TIME. HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION IF HE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO MAKE THIS TRIP-- AND WE DID NOT PRESS HIM ON THE POINT. HIS WIFE ADDED THAT IT HAD BEEN ALMOST TEN YEARS SINCE HE HAD HAD ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, AND PERHAPS THE AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.

5. HE NOTED THAT SINCE REGISTERED LETTERS NORMALLY ARE NOT DELIVERED ON SUNDAYS, (HE RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM A YOUNG LADY WHO APPEARED AT HIS APARTMENT AT 8:00 AM LAST SUNDAY, AND WHO SAID SHE WAS A POSTAL WORKER) HE SUSPECTED THE MEANY INVITATION HAD BEEN HELD AND EVENTUALLY DELIVERED BY THE KGB.

6. SAKHAROV TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY AT SEVEN PM NOVEMBER 28 TO REPORT THAT MOSCOW OVIR OFFICIAL ZOTOV, UPON WHO SAKHAROV CALLED AFTER LEAVING THE EMBASSY EARLIER THAT DAY, HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT SAKHAROV'S APPLICATION FOR EXIT DOCUMENTS. ZOTOV REPORTEDLY TOLD SAKHAROV THE INVITATION WAS IMPROPER: IT MUST INVITE SAKHAROV AS MEANY'S PERSONAL GUEST,

NOT AS PARTICIPANT IN A MEETING "WHICH DID NOT HAVE
PERMANENT CHARACTER." SAKHAROV TOLD US THE WISHED
TO PURSUE THE MATTER, AND HOPED THAT AN APPROPRIATE
INVITATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. (ALTHOUGH SAKHAROV DID NOT
SAY SO WHE HE TELEPHONED, WE ASSUME HE HOPES ANY NEW INVITATION
WILL INCLUDE HIS WIFE).

7. OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY SAKHAROV REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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